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Our club is steeped in history

IT'S a very great honour to be chairman of Lyme Regis Football club as we celebrate 125 years of football in our wonderful town.

Our club is steeped in local football history with 10 County knockout-cup titles to our name along with 11 Perry Street & District League Divisional successes.

The club is thriving. We have three senior teams all of whom play in the Perry Street League and four youth teams, three of which play in the East Devon League and one, the under 12s who are, as I write, running away with the Dorset League Division Two.

The club has also developed a strong bond with the US Creully club in Normandy, Northern France. In 2010 we will celebrate our 30th year of alternating visits to and from our 'French twin'.

Our picturesque ground, the Davey Fort, situated on Charmouth Road has been our home for 35 years since our move from the old Sidmouth Road site in 1974.

Sadly, the proposed Strawberry Field



project, with its opportunity for expansion and an extra pitch, is now firmly a non-starter and we are forced to accept that the 'Fort will be our home for the foreseeable future. As such we are looking to increase the size of our social facilities and give a much-needed revamp to our dilapidated shower block and changing rooms.

The instability of the land on the Eastern coastal fringes of the town mean we have to continue with a primarily wooden clubhouse building. This prohibits any chance of Football Founda-

tion grant aid so we will continue to rely on our active fundraising sub-committee and the labour of our members to ensure the new construction is erected as efficiently and quickly as possible once planning permission is granted.

All proceeds from the sale of this brochure, generously produced by Philip Evans Sports Media at no cost, will go towards the financing of the work which we as a committee feel will provide a large step in ensuring the football club remains one of the largest organisations in the town for many years to come.

Please enjoy and absorb the next 31 pages of memories and nostalgia. We have made every effort to authenticate the historical content.

We pride ourselves on our hospitality and a warm welcome is guaranteed to anybody - 'Lymeite' or otherwise - at the Davey Fort as the Seasideers head onwards towards the next 125 years.

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The club's history

FOOTBALL has been played in Lyme Regis since 1885 a mere dozen or so years since the 'formation' of the game nationally and the inception of the FA Cup in 1872 – so we've been around a long time, longer than most – for example: Chard Town (1920), Axminster Town (1903) or even the Dorset FA (1887).

So what has happened over the past 125 years?

The first official team went under the name 'Lyme Town' and competed in various local friendlies within the local district.

In these early years Lyme actually reached two Dorset Junior Cup finals but were beaten by Weymouth Reserves and Swanage respectively.

It is believed the team at this time played from what is now the Anning Road Playing field but this was considered poor quality and too small and the club relocated to a pitch on the cliff edge up at Ware Farm.

In 1904 the club joined the fledgling Perry Street & District League under the name 'Lyme Rovers' and the early signs were good as a runners-up spot, three points behind champions Holyrood Mills, was achieved.

A season in the West Dorset League in 1907-08 saw Lyme, known as the Magpies due to their black and white stripes, secure runners-up slot behind Bridport.

After the horrors of World War I were over The Rovers Reserves' team made their first appearance in the Perry Street League and appeared in a Dorset Minor Cup Final appearance in 1923-24 when they were defeated 1-0 by Buckland Road Institute.

The club, with just a solitary Lyme Regis Hospital Cup success over Perry Street in 1925-26 to their name, was soon on the move again – this time a few hundred yards to what was to be their home for the next 50-years at just over the Devon border on Sidmouth Road. The Ground was made more homely in 1935 by the construction of a 200-seater grandstand by local builders Case & Sons at a cost of more than £120.

In 1928 a new and independent team emerged from the town – the Bantams. The team, formed by choirmaster George Fleming, had considerable success winning two knock-out cups and the Perry Street Minor League (now Division One) in 1930 but lasted just a handful of years before merging with the Rovers in 1937 to become Lyme Regis Football Club. The new club entered a Reserve team in the Axe Vale League for a number of seasons and were rewarded with the Championship trophy in 1937-38.

Lyme re-entered two teams into the Perry Street League after it reformed after WWII but a change was afoot and the club decided to chance their arm in the Dorset County League in the early 1950s. After a stint of six years, increased travelling expenses meant a return to their roots and immediate success when the Perry Street League First Division Championship title was landed for the first time in 1957-58. The feat was repeated in 1959-60 and with a Coronation Cup triumph



▲Ex-professional Trevor Finnigan with the Dorset Junior Cup after he scored the winning goal in the year 2000 final.

in 1959-60 and a share, with Chard Reserves, in the Challenge Cup these were heady times indeed. In addition the Reserves won their first trophy – the Intermediate Cup (now the Division One Cup) in 1957-58.

The team around this time comprised names that will go down in the annals of the club's history. Names such as:

'Another name synonymous from this time was 21-year-old Tommy Tabberer...'

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Henry Broom, John Perry, Freddie Smith, Cecil Hodges and the brothers' Rice and Wellman.

Another name synonymous from this time was 21-year-old Tommy Tabberer; a talented inside forward at the height of his powers who was sadly killed in a bike accident at the foot of Clappenatil Lane in 1960. Tabberer was a prolific goal scorer, particularly in the air, and netted 89 goals in 98 first team appearances. The loss of this popular and gifted player was such that a trophy in his name was commissioned and is still competed for to this day by teams from PSL Division Two. Another sad loss of a Lyme favourite followed shortly afterwards when Don Truman, who had at the time transferred to Axminster, collapsed and died on the Sidmouth Road pitch whilst playing for the Pick-of-Division-Two XI against Lyme.

After the trophy-laden days of the late 50s and early 60s a period of lack of success followed, a period that was to stretch 15 long years.

The run was finally ended by a 4-3 triumph over Chardstock in the Axminster Hospital Cup Final just before the move to our current home at the Davey Fort in 1976, a move which proved to be crucial in giving the club a far greater profile in a much more central location within the town. The opening of the new ground was marked by the visit of Western League side Chard Town for a friendly which Chard won 6-2.

In 1970 the club made the decision to scrap the established

method of a committee selecting the two teams. The club's first team manager, local-journalist David Cozens was appointed. Cozens, without obvious immediate success, was to oversee a team of mostly home-grown talent the like of which the club has arguably never seen since.

The basis of this local talent was nurtured by the legendary Towser Loveridge who oversaw the developing youth team which eventually spawned such first team stalwarts as Rodney and Martin Rowe, Stuart Rattenbury, Alastair McLennan, Graham Golesworthy, Richard and Kerry Austin and Lee Caddy.

Add to this mix 'imports' such as Graham Vere, Ian Gray, Andy Brewer, Kevin Challis, Dave Wittig, Royston Davies, Bernard Hall and Grant Northover and the concoction was perfect for Cozens to lead the Seasiders out of the barren years and into to a period of incredible success.

This was kick-started by the Chard Hospital Cup triumph in 1977 -78

and the Coronation Cup, for the first time in 20-years in 1978-79. But the real strides were made in the Dorset Junior cup which was won for the first time in 1982-83. The club went on to dominate the competition with a trio of triumphs in 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88. Such was the esteem in which Lyme were held at the time that the Dorset FA took the unusual step of upgrading the team to Intermediate status – no doubt with a view to give somebody else a chance!

The top Perry Street League Division, now known as the Premier Division, was however proving a more difficult nut to crack.

Despite a well established youth team production line which was to nurture the talents of Derek Wellman, Rodney Holmes, Ellis Hoole, Rob Thom, Julien Cozens and Phil Everett amongst others, Lyme were unfortunate to find two remarkable teams in Shepton Beauchamp and latterly Misterton standing in their way. But with a prolific front line of Hoole and Vere now being fed by the sublime talents of Everett it was only a matter of 'when'.

After a series of near misses that time finally arrived in 1988-89 (along with a notable triple success for the Reserves), nearly 30-years since the trophy last resided in the most westerly part of Dorset.

But this was to prove the beginning of the end of the great side of the time as Hoole went off to continue his goal-scoring exploits with Bridport Town and Dorchester Town. Whilst Everett scaled even greater heights by making three Wembley appearances in the FA Vase Final for Tiverton Town and being awarded the title Non-League Player-of-the-Year in 1998.

The Seasiders' lack of more League titles (only two despite 19 top three finishes) over the past 30-years can be attributed directly to their successes in cup-football which has invariably led to fixture congestion at the end of the season.

More cup success followed in the 90s, notably when the aforementioned Tommy Tabberer Cup was hoisted in Lyme colours for the first, and possibly only, time in 1995. Doubles from Paul Hodder and Chris Andrews inspired the Seasiders' Reserves to a 5-1 hammering of Drimpton before a bumper Davey Fort crowd to complete a League (Division Two) and cup double.

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▲ The Davey Fort in the early 1970s after the initial earthworks had levelled the site.

Hoole returned and been joined by the mercurial Kevin Turner from Axminster, and Turner was on target as Lyme won their first ever Dorset Intermediate Cup in 1994-95 after a 2-0 victory over Poole Labour Club – a feat that was to be repeated in 1996-97. A new deadly striker in the shape of Jon Whetlor was also emerging whilst the second-string proved the strength in depth among the ranks with back-to-back Division One titles in 1998-99 and 1999-00.

The new millennium brought expansion as the Seaside ranks were bolstered in the shape of the Bantams (3rd team), who were launched in 1998-99 and immediately lifted the Division Four title, and the short-lived (one season) Rovers (4th team). County success went hand-in-hand with the buoyant club with the unheralded double of the first team recapturing the Intermediate cup and the Reserves the Junior cup in the heady days of April 2001.

But the most successful season in Lyme Regis Football club history was just around the corner. In 2004-05 manager Chris Andrews led his team to an unsurpassed four trophies; The holy grail that is the Premier Division Championship, Dorset Intermediate Cup, Coronation Cup, and the Crewkerne Charity cup all resided in the Davey Fort trophy cabinet – a remarkable achievement.

The club continue to be amongst the most forward-thinking in the area and, with club morale soaring and the youth team production line in full flow, there promises to be some truly great times to look forward to... you'd be a fool to miss them!



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The Seaside 2009/2010

ROBIN TOWNSEND Manager

KNOWN throughout the club as 'Towner', Robin is the first team manager having previously played for the club after spells with various other clubs including Netherbury and Chideock.



DOMINIC ROWE Defender

DOM is son of Seaside legend Rodney and is fast forging a reputation of his own as a hard-tackling defender who uses his great height to good effect at set-pieces.



ALASTAIR McLENNAN Midfield

'JOCKY' is one of the most talented players to pull on a Lyme shirt. A member of the all-conquering team of the mid-80s, he has League championship and County Cup winners medals.



GERARD HITCHCOCK Forward/Midfield/Defence

'HITCHY' is Club Secretary as well as Reserve team player-manager. His playing career as striker/midfielder and latterly defender, has seen him gather a huge set of winners medals



ROB THOM Forward

ROB has recently been appointed as club vice-chairman and occasionally turns out for the Bantams. His playing career as a striker saw him progress to the Bridport first team.



ADAM CADDY Midfield/Forward

ADAM is the club captain and lifted the Chard Hospital cup last season. A hugely influential attacking midfielder who has an impact on most games, and potential to be a Seaside legend.



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STEVE WISCOMBE Defender

CHOPPY is currently doing sterling work in the Bantams defence - another of the fantastic first team from Dave Cozens' era. Combative nature and possesses a useful long throw-in.



PETE MORTON Midfield

PETE is still putting in tackles in the Bantams midfield well past his 50th birthday. Previously played for Ilminster and Perry Street. Has a mane of flowing hair that is the envy of many.



DAVE TURNER Midfield

DAVE signed for Lyme from Axmouth United. The popular midfielder has just returned after a long lay-off - The Seaside are pleased to have him back amongst the ranks.



MARK BATEY
Defender

MARK is undoubtedly one of the hardest tacklers in the squad, drawing comparisons with former crowd favourite Graham Williams. Has been a consistent first teamer for three years.



BEN MORGAN
Forward/Winger

BEN is a pacey striker or right winger with a eye for goal. The 20-year-old came to the Davey Fort from over the Devon border where he played at Seaton Town.



NEIL MacKENZIE
Forward

THE silver fox is just recovering from knee surgery having missed the whole of last season. Made a big impact in the Bantams' Division Four promotion winning team scoring 17 goals.



ROB THOMSON
Forward/Winger/Midfield

ROB, known as 'Taffy' moved to Lyme from neighbours Uplyme. Predominantly left-footed he can operate as central striker but has more success wide on the left flank.



JIM LARCOMBE
Goalkeeper

JIM has developed into an excellent goalkeeper - a particularly good shot-stopper who has a decent distribution and is keen to progress with the Seasiders.



ROBBIE PRIOR
Utility

ROBBIE is currently away at Southampton University but on his regular returns can be relied upon to perform in any position on the field, including goalkeeper. Formerly with Axminster.



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The Seasideers 2009/2010 continued...

JULIEN SIMIER Forward/Midfield

JULIEN, or 'Ju-Ju' is belived to be the first Frenchman to play for Lyme Regis. Originally from Creully, our twin club in Normandy, he brings a touch of Gallic flair to the attack.



LUKE LAWSON Forward/Winger

LUKE is a regular in the Bantams squad. His pace down the right wing has an unsettling effect on tiring defenders and he has a work ethic that goes largely unnoticed.



TOM BAPTIST Defender

TOM has just recovered his Bantams shirt after suffering a freak eye injury against Fivehead United which has kept him sidelined for several weeks. He is a solid full-back on either side.



ALASTAIR RATTENBURY Defender

ALLY has big boots to fill being the nephew of Lyme Legend Stuart. But the popular committee-member has developed into the best dead-ball expert in the club.



MALCOLM DARBY Defender

MALC lists Charmouth and Bridport amongst his former clubs. An excellent reader of the game, he is ideally suited as a sweeper. Currently helping-out the first team on match days.



BEN STRONG Forward/Winger

BEN gives his all as striker for the Bantams. With the team successfully battling against the drop, he chipped in with nine crucial goals in an 11-match purple patch last season.



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BEN WHITTINGTON Midfield

MIDFIELDER Ben was a member of the quadruple-winning side from 2004-05. His sublime skills have, in the past, earned him selection to play for the pick-of-the-League XI.



MARK HODDER Midfield/Defender

HODDSEY came to Lyme from Netherbury and helps out Gerard in running the Reserve team. A useful utility player who can perform anywhere in the midfield or defence.



STUART KING Defender

STUART, known universally as 'Burger' has represented the Seasideers at Pick-of-the-League level. A no-nonsense defender who is quick in the tackle and powerful in the air.



WILL THOMSON
Forward

WILL is the most natural 'No.9' in the club. Was a first team regular until breaking his leg against Merriott Rovers. Now back on the road to fitness and recovery. 150+ career goals.



JOE BOND
Forward/Winger

JOE is one of the successes of the season after being switched to striker from the right-flank. Well on course to be leading goalscorer, his pace causes slow turning defenders problems.



MATT LAING
Midfield/Defender

LAINGER is in his first season with the Seaside having previously played with Uplyme. The centre-back has quickly established himself as a popular, and crucial, member of the first team.



ADAM CLARKE
Defender

Clarkey has been in and around the first team for 10-years. A two-footed defender who can operate anywhere in the back four. Now passing his knowledge onto the Reserves/Bantams.



RHYS PATERSON
Winger/Defender

SIXTEEN-year-old Rhys is the son of Doc our long-time club-stalwart. After just a dozen or so games he is already looking completely at home in the Amber shirt in either midfield or defence.



HARVEY BRIMACOMBE
Goalkeeper/Forward/Midfield

HARVEY (16) is at the very beginning of his Seaside's career. A versatile player who can turn his hand to goalkeeping, he looks destined for a career as a striker/attacking midfielder.



MARK TAYLOR
Defender

MARK, or 'Tayls' is normally centre-back for either the Reserves or Bantams, however he showed promise as an emergency striker. Possesses a howitzer-style left foot.



ADRIAN PORTER
Midfield/Defender

ADIE is a playmaking midfielder who combines playing, when fit, with watching his beloved Wolves. He arrived at Lyme via Axminster, but recovered to become a popular club member.



LEE CLEAL
Forward/Winger/Goalkeeper

LEE or Snippet has just returned to the Davey Fort after spells with Axminster and Bridport. He will be one of the fittest members of the squad and will also provide goalkeeping cover.



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WALLACE BLACKMORE Defender

WALLY is back at the club after brief spells with Uplyme and Axminster. He is currently Bantams' captain but could yet break back into the Reserves line-up.



JED FARRELL Midfield

JED is a midfield work-horse for either the Bantams or Reserves. The lanky 19-year-old has an eye for a pass and was a vital member of the Bantams' promotion winning team.



SAM CHALLIS Defender

BRIDPORT-based Sam is following in the footsteps of his late uncle Kevin who played for Lyme in the early 80s. A steady left-back, his big afro hair style is becoming his trademark.



MARK BAILEY Forward/Midfield

MARK operates in midfield or just behind the strikers. He has represented the Seaside at Pick-of-the-League level and is one of the most naturally skilful players in the squad.



ASHLEY CADDY Goalkeeper

A GENUINE contender as one of Lyme's best-ever goalkeepers. Ashley, widely acknowledged as the best keeper in the League, recently kept four clean sheets in a row.



ROB MacKENZIE Winger/Defender

ROB is in his first season with Lyme. The 16-year old has made a good start showing good pace and control down the right wing where he has been used and a winger and full-back.



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TOM BOND
Midfield/Defender

BONDY is a defender/midfielder with the priceless gift of being able to chip-in with his fair share of goals. Currently playing at the back for the Reserves/Bantams.



STEVE BATEY
Midfield/Defender

STEVE, 'The Chef', is a tough tackling midfielder/defender who has the knack of popping up with crucial goals and has indisputably the longest throw-in in the entire League.



DARREN POOLE
Forward/Midfield

DARREN has recently returned from Bridport for his third (or fourth?) spell with Lyme. Can hold the ball up well as lone striker or spray the passes from central midfield areas.



ROB LARCOMBE
Midfield/Defender

ROB is a genuine two-footed defender or midfielder. He was the club's youngest ever manager (19) when he took on the role of Bantams' player-manager last season.

FRED THOMSON
Forward/Winger

FRED is the middle of the three Thomson brothers. Bags of ability and pace he has the ability to become a top player for The Seaside. Can operate anywhere in the front half of the field.



JAMIE JONES
Forward/Winger

JAMIE is a member of the Bantams squad and usually figures as centre forward. He started this season in fine style with two goals in the first three games.



NEAL BAKER
Forward/Winger

NELLY is a hard-running midfielder who came to the Davet Fort from Farway United. Has been used as a striker, but carries his biggest goal threat from free-kicks.

DANNY PRENDEVILLE
Midfield/Defender

DAN is a natural goalscorer. Not yet in the Will Thomson mould, but made quick progress through the teams and now figures regularly in the first team and has already scored six times.



MIKE LEGG
Winger

LEGGY is currently away at University. Despite his size, he is a no-fear right winger whose pace (he's also an Axe Valley runner) gets him into some excellent positions.

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JEDD WHITTINGTON

Goalkeeper

JEDD is currently the Reserve team goalkeeper. His eccentric style compliments a superb handling ability that was honed in his sports as wicketkeeper and scrum-half.



AARON CLEAL

Forward/Winger

AARON has followed his two brothers Lloyd and Lee into Seaside's colours. A right winger/wing-back his energy is his biggest asset for either the first-team or Reserves.



LUKE CLIFTON

Midfield/Defender

LUKE is the grafter in the midfield engine-room. He started life as a pacey winger but was brought infield to nurture his love of a good tackle. Always gives 100 per cent effort.



ROB JEFFERIES

Defender

ROB is currently away at Manchester university but upon return will figure in the Bantams as a towering centre-back who in time could develop into a commanding defender.



PATRYK SKIBINSKI

Midfield

PADDY is the first Pole to appear in Seaside's colours. It's his first season, but he has already shown an ability to win a tackle and get forward from the midfield in the Bantams/Reserves.



RYAN FIFER

Forward/Winger

RYAN is one of the Seaside's brightest prospects. Has been used as a striker, but his blistering pace and slippery style are far better suited to a wide position.



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NICK CAMERON
Midfield/Defender

NICK is in his second spell with Lyme having previously returned to his native Oxford. A dependable, primarily left-sided defender/midfielder - reliable 7/10 performer.



LEE FIFER
Forward/Winger

LEE is currently into his second season with Lyme and has drifted between Bantams and Reserves. Like younger brother Ryan he is primarily a winger with great pace.



DAVE ROBINSON
Midfield/Defender

DR is a classy wing-back who can also operate in midfield. Previously played over the Devon border for Uplyme after coming up through the Lyme youth teams..



MATT THOMAS
Defender

DUCKY, is currently away at Plymouth University. A no nonsense defender his bravery in the tackle is his greatest strength. Looks likely to progress into a Reserve team regular.



JOHN CLEAL
Goalkeeper

GUS is one of the rocks upon which the club is built. Played for Lyme for well over 30-years and is still available for goalkeeping cover. Now doing sterling work as first team linesman.



LUKE STREET
Winger/Defender

LUKE is in his first season with Lyme. The midfielder/full-back made the headlines with a stunning hat-trick against old foes Uplyme in the Daisy Hutchings cup back in October.





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First Team

Biggest wins

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15-0 H v Norton Athletic PSL 1996-97
14-2 H v Crewkerne Reserves PSL 1957-58
13-0 H v Dowlish PSL 1987-88
13-1 H v Thorncombe PSL 1959-60
13-1 H v Chard Youth PSL 1962-63
13-1 H v Crewkerne Reserves PSL 1967-68

Biggest defeats

21-0 H Combe Wanderers PSL 1928-29
15-1 A Ilminster PSL 1946-47
14-0 A Haselbury PSL 1977-78
12-0 A Combe Wanderers PSL 1928-29
12-2 A Crewkerne PSL 1928-29

Reserves

Biggest wins

H 20-1 v Stockland PSL 1960-61
A 18-2 v Racal Airmec PSL 1969-70
H 16-0 v Millwey Rise Res PSL 1960-61
A 16-0 v Bridge Sports Dorset Minor Cup 1960-61
A 14-0 Netherbury PSL 1950-51
H 14-2 Millwey Rise PSL 1983-84

Biggest defeats

A 15-1 v Uplyme PSL 1924-25
A 13-0 v Swan (Crewkerne) PSL 1972-73
A 13-1 v Uplyme PSL 1970-71
A 13-2 v Axminster Res PSL 1963-64

Bantams

Biggest wins

H 11-0 v Shepton Beauchamp Res PSL 2009-10
H 9-0 v Chard United Res PSL 2007-08
H 9-0 v Thorncombe Res PSL 1998-99
A 8-1 v Hinton Bill Bailey Cup 1998-99

Biggest defeats

A 14-0 v Ilminster Town Colts PSL 2004-05
A 10-0 v White Horse Reserves PSL 2006-07
A 8-0 v Perry Street Reserves PSL 2006-07

Lyme Rovers

Biggest wins

H 4-1 v Hawkchurch Reserves PSL 2003-04
A 4-2 v Combe A PSL 2003-04
A 3-2 v Hawkchurch Reserves PSL 2003-04

Biggest defeats

A 8-0 Combe B PSL 2003-04
A 7-2 Hawkchurch PSL 2003-04
A 6-2 Crewkerne Res PSL 2003-04
H 6-2 Combe B PSL 2003-04

Most goals in a game

First Team

7 by Ellis Hoole v Norton PSL 1996-97
6 by Pat Rice v Thorncombe Dorset Junior Cup 1961-62
6 by Graham Vere v Barrington PSL 1989-90
6 by Ellis Hoole v Misterton PSL 1995-96

Against

11 by Lusty Brewer for Perry Street at Lyme in PSL 1928-29
8 by Glyn White for Ilminster PSL 1946-47

Reserves

8 by Ken Hitchcock v Stockland PSL 1960-61
7 by Corporal Hill v Colyton Res PSL 1947-48
7 by Don Truman v Millwey Rise Res PSL 1960-61
7 by David Cozens MBE v Norton Reserves PSL 1969-70
7 by Henry Rice v Racal Airmec PSL 1969-70

Against

7 by Luke Davey for Axminster Town Res PSL 1963-64
6 by Eddie Case for Drimpton PSL 1964-65
6 by Johnny Blackmore for Upottery PSL 1965-66
6 by Johnny Welch for Netherbury Arthur Gage Cup 1965-66
6 by Mike Gage for Combe Res PSL 1968-69

Bantams

4 by James Maidment v Thorncombe Res PSL 1998-99
4 by Lance Turner v Ilminster Town A 1998-99

Rovers

3 by Phil Legg v Combe A in PSL 2003-04

Top scorers (season, 30+)

First Team

Pat Rice 67 1959-60
Ellis Hoole 65 1987-88
Ellis Hoole 58 1986-87
Ellis Hoole 52 1988-89
Pat Rice 51 1957-58
Jon Whetlor 49 2000-01
Henry Broom 44 1949-50
Bob Dunne 38 1935-36
Geoffrey Bartlett 36 1967-68
Graham Vere 35 1987-88
Ellis Hoole 35 1996-97
Bob Dunne 34 1934-35
Tommy Tabberer 33 1959-60
Pat Rice 33 1961-62
Ellis Hoole 30 1994-95
Lee Caines 30 1997-98

Reserves

Ellis Hoole 39 (includes some for first team)
P.Hill 38 1949-50
Don Truman 36 1960-61
Richard Budden 31 1960-61
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Ten years in the

I WAS elected chairman of Lyme Regis Football Club in 1995, shortly after returning home from spending several years working in London.

Having played my first game of football for Lyme Reserves at the age of 14, I had served on the committee back in the 1970s and was assistant manager to Dave Cozens for a couple of seasons, running the Reserves. I gave both Lee Caddy and Alistair McLennan their first games at the age of 15 and both went on to become two of the most talented players ever to pull on a black and amber shirt.

My playing days were interrupted by my career, having to work on Saturdays covering sport for the Express and Echo, although I played occasionally for the Exeter Press X1 on a Sunday.

I had a short spell with Axminster Town when launching the Axminster News but returned to the Seaside in my late 20s and enjoyed several seasons in the No 2 shirt for the first team before breaking my ankle in the Axminster Hospital Cup final in 1980 which brought a fairly modest football career to an abrupt end at the age of 32.

The only trophy I won for Lyme was a Coronation Cup final medal when we beat Beaminster in the final at Sector Lane in 1979 but I lined up alongside some great players – Richard Austin, Brendan Cable, Graham Golesworthy, Martin and Rodney Rowe and Stuart Rattenbury to name just six.

When I came back to Lyme to work in the mid-1990s I had no intention of seeking the club chairmanship. As part of my job in London I ran a sports publishing division for a worldwide media organisation and had hospitality boxes at many of the leading professional clubs.

In fact, I overdosed on the professional game and found it quite refreshing to watch a game at the Davey Fort, real grassroots football, on my occasional weekends home.

When I came back to live permanently the then club secretary Martin Edwards asked me if I would be interested in going on the committee. I didn't intend ending up as chairman when I went to the annual meeting.

But that's what happened and it was the beginning of ten of the most exhilarating years of my life. But it started in controversy when the club's much respected President and life-member Dave Rattenbury walked out of the meeting

and resigned as soon as I was elected.

Looking back, I can quite see that it looked as though the whole thing was contrived and that I had forced out of office my predecessor, former local referee Garry Rowlands.

It wasn't like that at all but I failed to get Dave, a man of principle, to change his mind and we lost a great servant to football in Lyme. I have regretted the incident ever since but, looking back, my ten years in the chairman's chair were never very far from controversy.

But overall they were ten good years for the club and certainly ten of the most successful from a playing point of view, culminating in 2003 when we won the Perry Street Premier League, the Dorset Intermediate and Junior Cups and a number of other trophies.

In hindsight, I should have stepped down at the end of that season, having served for eight years, but I wanted to complete ten years of service.

After taking over as chairman we set about getting the club in financial shape having had a few barren years on the fundraising front. Lyme FC had a bit of a reputation of being a drinking club that played football and I wanted to reverse that to a football club that enjoyed a good drink after the games.

We managed to increase the profile of the club in the town and set about building a bigger playing base, adding the Bantams and for one season a fourth X1. I was also determined to re-build the once vibrant youth section, which had been allowed to lapse, and with the help of some very dedicated people, especially Charlie and Julia Durrant, we structured a set up which saw kids as young as six years old pulling on a Lyme shirt.

It was a policy that paid dividends with a number of youngsters coming through the youth ranks to play first team football.

We also launched the Lyme Lazars girls' team under the watchful and enthusiastic eye of Mel Hitchcock. This brought a new dimension and much need glamour to our lives.

On the social side we had some memorable nights, none more so that our Millennium Ball on New Year's 2000. Over 120 members and friends danced the night away at the Davey Fort and stayed for a 7 am breakfast. The inside of the clubhouse was turned into a nightclub and we kept it like that right through the January because it was so popular.

Special guests that night were former player and manager David Cozens and his wife Thelma, David having been awarded the MBE

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in the New Year's Honours List for his services to the community.

Another night to remember was the Black and White Ball at the Woodroffe School, organised to raise money for the Strawberry Field project. It was a huge financial success and gave the club membership a most memorable occasion.

The club's annual dinner and presentation night also became sell-out occasions at which I penned a poem which included all the players' names. It took several late nights at the computer and a number of pints of lager to finish the verses in time.

I also did my best to encourage and enhance the club's unique twinning arrangement with US Creully in Normandy and the 25th anniversary celebration in 2005 is another occasion of which I am proud and which will live long in the memory. I look forward to going to France for next year's 30th anniversary.

The biggest disappointment and flop of my ten years in the chairman's chair was the failure of the Strawberry Field project to provide bigger and better playing facilities for the club. We succeeded in raising £40,000 for the project before the scheme was comprehensively rejected by the local planners after a vociferous campaign by a small but influential majority of Uplyme residents who complained that we would devastate the rural environment of the Lym Valley.

The scheme was also strongly opposed by some of the senior members of the club, including life members, and I took a great deal of stick when we finally pulled the plug. But I have no regrets. I believe the scheme was feasible and would have provided much better facilities for the young people of our town.

Another set-back was the arson attack on the club which caused severe damage to the Davey Fort clubhouse. When I went up and opened the club up on that fateful February Saturday morning and saw the damage, it nearly made me cry. Later in the day Lee Caddy put his arm round me and said: "Don't worry Evs, we'll rebuild it and it will be even better."

And that's exactly what we did. It took 19 days, working every evening after work and at weekends. Lee took charge and was brilliant and then agreed to be my vice-chairman for the latter part of my chairmanship before taking the chair himself for a couple of years. He deserved it.

Throughout my years as chairman I had wonderful support from my family. I shudder to think how many meals Jackie prepared over that time for our popular theme nights. After a particular big event she would always look at me in the morning and say: "Never again" knowing full well I had the next event up my sleeve.

My two daughters, Zoe and Francesca, also played their part in helping organise some of the more successful events and I'm proud that both of them are still actively involved in the club.

Today, Howard Larcombe is doing a fantastic job as club chairman. I'm still involved as the club's main sponsor and was recently honoured with life membership, one of the biggest surprises of my life.

With the disappointment of the Strawberry Field debacle well and truly behind us, we are now working hard to raise funds to improve the facilities at the Davey Fort to mark this great milestone – 125 years of football in Lyme Regis.

Philip Evans
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▲ Rebuilding the Davey Fort Clubhouse after the arson attack - Lee Caddy, Gary Rowlands and Pete Lowe.

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The Creully connection

WHEN a group of young men crossed the English Channel for a game of football against the French in 1989, for many it was their first trip abroad.

We had never heard of the village of Creully or knew much about how this little Normandy community was one of the first to be liberated on D-Day and then provided a base for Field Marshall Montgomery to direct the invasion of Europe.

We went for a game of football and, to be perfectly honest, a few beers. Three decades – and many, many beers – later, Lyme Regis footballers are still making that journey to Northern France. And welcoming back to Lyme our French friends every other year.

The twinning arrangement between Lyme Regis FC and US Creully is unique in grass roots football and has stood the test of time.

And so next June (2010) a group of club members will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of a sporting exchange that has resulted in life-long friendships.

That first trip back in 1989 was organised by club manager David Cozens, helped by first team skipper Richard Austin.

I went with my left leg in plaster after breaking my ankle in the Axminster Hospital Cup final a couple of weeks before. So, with Neil Gray as my room mate, I was billeted at the local bar, The Renaissance, because it was central and I wouldn't have to walk too far.

My host was a very French looking bartender, known as Mous-tache for very obvious reasons. He was probably the best bar-



▲ The two teams line-up after the 25th anniversary held at the Davey Fort.

tender in the whole of France; I didn't get much food that week-end, but I was rarely left for very long without a glass in my hand.

We had our game of football (I can't remember the result) followed by a barbecue at which most of us asked for our steaks to be given just a little longer on the barbecue. And we discovered the delights of Calvados!

The pitch wasn't up to much but over the years US Creully have been provided with brilliant facilities, courtesy of the local authority. If only that were the case in Lyme.

There were just 12 of us on that first trip. Since then parties of between 20 and 30 are the norm and a similar number come over to Lyme.

The hospitality we have enjoyed over the years has been legendary with some hilarious incidents.

Our sojourn to Normandy often coincides with the June 6th D-Day landing commemorations. One of our visits coincided with members of the Royal Dragoon Guards Regimental Association who liberated Creully on day one of the invasion. They asked us to join in their celebrations at Creully Castle.

The veterans explained that they were all getting too old to keep coming back year after year and asked us if we would always place a wreath on their War Memorial honouring those of their colleagues who died in battle.

We readily accepted and have followed their wishes on every visit to Creully since. A few of us were privileged to be invited to the 60th anniversary of D-Day when Prince Charles, Commander in Chief of the Regiment, was present. It was a hugely emotional occasion and our wreath placing, part of the official programme, was undertaken by Joel Gosling, who was our



▲ The unveiling of the plaque at Gunn Cliff to mark the 25th anniversary.

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▲ As part of the anniversary celebrations a ceremony was held at George's Square when US Creully placed a wreath in honour of the men of Lyme who died in the two world wars.

youngest member on that trip.

Our club hosted the 25th anniversary in 2005 and it turned out to be an unforgettable weekend which included a parade through the town, the unveiling of special plaques on Gunn Cliff and Davey Fort and a celebration dinner. Each member of the Creully party was presented with an inscribed watch.

As always there was an exchange of gifts between the two clubs and we were presented with a special Nike kit and a uniquely created crest incorporating the Union Flag and French tricolour drawn by the then Creully President, Jean-Paul Etienne, known to us as No-No. It has pride of place in our clubhouse.

Over the years many friendships have been forged between our members and their host families in Cruelly. Family celebrations and tragedies have been shared both sides of the channel.

French hospitality is second to none and that has certainly been our experience over the years with splendid functions at the Castle. The 30th anniversary will surely be something special.

There have been attempts over the years to twin Lyme and Creully officially. But the civic chiefs in Creully have never been too keen on the idea. Why should they? The links between our two communities could not be stronger.

And to think it all started with a game of football on a bumpy bit of land over which our troops, all those years ago, trudged and died as the history of Europe was changed for ever.

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4. Name one of the three goal scorers when Lyme Reserves won the Tommy Tabberer Cup for the first (and only) time back in 1994?
5. The Bantams were reformed after a gap of 55 years in 1998 – who was their manager?
6. Where did The Seasiders play in 1977-78 season whilst the drainage problems at the new Davey Fort were being addressed?
7. Which player, who went on to become manager, missed the kick-off and was forced to climb out of the toilet window after being locked in the Drimpton changing rooms at a league game in 1982?
8. Who scored the winner as Lyme beat Beaminster 2-1 at Bridport in front of a crowd of 500 to lift the Dorset Junior Cup for the first time in 1983?
9. Where, in 1985, did The Seasiders hold their 100th Centenary celebration dinner?
10. Who is the only Lyme player to score seven goals in a game?
11. Ellis Hoole scored six, but which two players scored hat-tricks in the first team's biggest ever win (16-0 v Misterton in 1995)?
12. Which three players were initially suspended for six weeks in 1998-99 by then manager Bryan Perryman for refusing to travel to a Dorset Cup away match on the team bus?
13. The Lyme Lazars (Ladies team) were formed in 1999-00 – who was their first manager?
14. Who did the modern-day Lyme Bantams beat in the 2001 Bill Bailey cup Final - their only cup final triumph to date?
15. What was unusual about The Seasiders second goal in the 2009-10 4-0 Coronation Cup semi-Final triumph over Combe Reserves?

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The Seaside managers

THE position of club manager was introduced in the early 1970s. Before that the two Lyme Regis FC teams – the First Team and Reserves – were picked by the general committee.

Committee meetings were held at the Volunteer Inn and often went on to late in the evenings while members argued about who should be selected. Teams were then posted on the Football Club board next to the Volunteer and players would often go into town late at night to see whether they were playing on Saturday.

Arguments often raged at committee meetings, particularly if one of the members had a son signed on who didn't make selection.

My Dad, Jack Evans, was a committee member for many years and I can remember him chasing Jim Long, another member, along Anning Road brandishing some garden shears because my brother John, the First team's leading goalscorer at the time, had been dropped for a cup final.

It was clear that a different way of picking the teams had to be introduced as some of the disagreements over selection got personal and endangered friendships among the town's footballing fraternity.

The decision was made to appoint a manager and the first person to take on the role was local reporter David Cozens, a tricky left winger in his playing days. It needed a tough character and David soon made it clear that he would not be

swayed in his selection decisions by members of the committee.

David, or Chickles as we all knew him, held the job for two decades which is an achievement unlikely ever to be beaten and during that time brought great success to Lyme Regis Football Club as well as playing a big part in the club moving from Sidmouth Road to the Davey Fort in Charmouth Road.

Cozens' reign was often controversial but there can be no denying that he built some of the best teams ever to play for the Seaside, enjoying great success in the Dorset cup competitions.

His biggest achievement was in winning the Perry Street's Premier Division in 1989 for the first

time in the club's history with what was arguably the most talented team the club has ever fielded with club legends such as Ellis Hoole, Phil Everett, Martin and Rodney Rowe, Stuart Ratnburry and Lee Caddy.

Cozens was honoured with the MBE in Millennium Year and his role in the football club would have contributed towards his community work which brought about the award.

I was David's assistant manager, running the Reserves, for a couple of seasons in the late 1970s, introducing Lee Caddy and Alistair McLennan to men's football. Both went on to give sterling service to the club.

I also played under Cozens as the First team's right back in the

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early 1980s. We had a great deal of fun and I can remember one pre-cup final team talk at the Ship Inn (where else?) when the police arrived and arrested one of our players!

Following Cozens' resignation, the manager's role was taken on by the mercurial Brian Wellman, former first team and Perry Street league goalkeeper who served the club in many capacities, including secretary, over many years.

During the 1980s and 90s he was followed by Ian Gray, Lee Caddy, Royston Davies, Graham Williams, Ellis Hoole, Bryan Perryman, Phil Crabbe and Rodney Rowe, all good players who achieved varying degrees of success.

Former Lyme and Bridport player Chris Andrews was the most successful manager, winning a clutch of trophies in the late 1990s, to be followed, briefly, by Willie Whitelaw and Rob Thom.

There has always been some doubt over whether the position of manager was indeed club manager or first team manager. Certainly in Dave Cozen's day it was an all embracing position with full responsibilities for teams affairs.

That was also the case in the late 1990s when Howard Larcombe, already managing the Reserves took on the role of club manager to develop a coaching team which enabled the club to achieve FA Standard Charter and Community Club status, necessary when we were hoping to get Football Foundation funding for the ill-fated Strawberry Field project.

Howard did a superb job in administering four senior adult teams at the time, as well as the first ever ladies' side, the Lyme Lazars, and it's gratifying to see that he is now club chairman.

Philip Evans
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▲ Chris 'Taffy' Andrews - the most successful manager in the history of Lyme Regis Football Club pictured (Right) with Gus Cleal.

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Prolific goal scorers are, and always have been, the darlings of the football reporters and headline sports editors so it seems appropriate to start with some of the former razor-sharp marksmen who have graced the Lyme kit down the years.

Pat Rice: 217 goals.

Pat was the classic hard man centre forward; few defenders ever muscled him off the ball. He was simply lethal in the box

Ellis Hoole: 541 goals.



Ellis was a powerful, fearless runner who turned the table on notoriously no-nonsense defenders and literally had them shaking in their boots. Many a centre-half was left reeling on the turf after feeling the full force of Ellis in full flow. Holds the club record for the most goals in a single match (7 v Norton Athletic in a 15-0 win in 1996-97), and is the only player in the club's history to break the 50 goals in a season barrier on three occasions.

Ellis went on to enjoy successful spells with both Bridport and Dorchester Town.

Graham 'Percy' Vere: 529 goals



Graham, or 'Percy' as he was, and still is, known and remembered throughout the Perry Street League was a speedy striker who was extremely popular with team mates and opponents alike. The majority of Percy's goals came from his superb ability in the air. Came to Lyme from Charmouth and had spells with Misterton and Drimpton.

Richard Austin: 180 goals

Richard led the line for the Seasiders through the mid-70s and into the 80s. Like Percy Richard had an awesome strength and ability in the air. Had several run ins with officials and opponents throughout his career.

Jon Whetlor: 173 goals



Whet's made his debut as a 14-year-old winger before playing many games between the sticks where he was an agile goalkeeper. But he really made his name at the club as an incisive predominantly left-footed front-man with an eye for the spectacular goal. Jon drifted off to Bridport and Charmouth before returning to end his career in the amber and black. Emigrated to Queensland in 2007.

Phil Everett: 123 goals

Phil came up through the Lyme Regis youth teams and had a single season with Uplyme before beginning a stunning, if understandably all-too-brief career with the Seasiders. He had the complete game. A stunning array of passes (he was a part of the supply chain that kept Vere and Hoole fed), strength in air and an eye for goal.

Moved on to Tiverton Town where he enjoyed 'Non-League footballing superstardom' appearing in three FA Vase Finals ('93, '98 and '99) and being named as the Non-League Footballer of the Year in 1998. Widely regarded as the most gifted player to have ever played for Lyme Regis.

At the other end of the field the bravery, agility, eccentricity and at times downright madness of goalkeepers has been well por-



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trayed by a number of Lyme goalkeepers.

Brian Wellman, one half of the footballing Wellman brothers (Alan was a classy centre half, said to be before his time). Brian possessed a pair of the most reliable hands for miles around in non-showy fashion and went on to serve the club for the rest of his life in various capacities, including supporting his two playing sons – **Derek** and **Roger Wellman**.

Another Lyme glove man with a big reputation was **Robert "Jock" McLennan** who came to Lyme as a serving member of the RAF at the Monmouth Beach barracks. Renowned for his bravery, he was courted by several other locals clubs and played for a while in the Devon and Exeter Premier League.

After his playing days, Jock became a familiar and popular figure at the Davey Fort, being a Sports Centre Trustee, big supporter of our twinning with US Creully and father to classy midfielder **Alistair McLennan**.

Grant Northover came to Lyme having previously played at the old Huish for Yeovil Town.

Bernard Hall was of the pick-of-the-League goalkeeper who arrived at Lyme when, in all honesty, his best years – spent with Merriott Rovers – had passed. But Bernie brought bags of experience and a catchphrase of 'He's alright there' which was used as a shot sailed harmlessly wide or over. On the several occasions when the ball nestled in the top corner it was followed by oh s**t! Was the man between the sticks when Lyme won their own Tommy Taberner Cup for the one, and currently only, time.

Without wishing to offend any omissions, other memorable goalkeepers from more recent times have included (in no particular order); **Kevin Warren**, the flying-pig, who was signed by **David Cozens** after two stunning cup performances for Thorncombe, **Gary Way**, **Glyn Rattenbury**, **Simon Gillings**, **Ken Hitchcock**, **Phil Hodder**, **Dave Hull**, **Mike Croad**, **Andy Hercok**, **Gus Cleal**, **Dougie Miners**, **Ken Caddy**, **Mark Burkhalter**, **Nick Tregale**, **Chris Higgs**, **Chris**

Sweetland, **Simon Hall**, **Nick Bowditch**, **Graham Paterson** and **Mark Tozer**.

Elsewhere on the field there have countless players who have performed consistently week-in-week, wore the shirt with pride and should never be forgotten. Players like **Kerry Austin** who prowled around the midfield in the 80s and enabled talented ball-players like **Rodney** and **Martin Rowe** and **Stuart Rattenbury** to scheme and probe chances for the goal-hungry strike force.

Further back in time, **Derek Hallett** who scored in excess of 100 goals for Lyme and went on to play for Chard Town. **Stuart Broom** was a key figure in the Lyme teams of the late 60s through to the mid-70s. At the same time **Billy White** terrorised full-back's with his wizardry on the wing as did **Tony Messer**, **Arthur Smith** and **David Cozens** and the skills of **Brendon Cable**, **Graham Williams**, **Robert Broome**, **Alan Reynolds** and **Graham 'Ginger' Bartlett** either came to the fore or began to fade after sterling service.

As formation's leaned towards 4-4-2 strong, tall centre-back's became more influential. Notable figures in this category included; **Graham Golesworthy**, **Owen Bosence**, **Nick Bowditch**, **Dave Lovell**, **Tim Edwards**, **Lee Caddy**, **Bill Wiscombe**, **Jon Broome** and a certain **Trevor Finnigan**. Ex-Professional Trevor was a 6' 2" Geordie who had been a squad player in the sublime Everton Championship winning squad of 1970 and gained League experience with Blackpool and AFC Bournemouth before becoming joint Player-manager of Yeovil Town in 1981. Went down in Seasiders' legend as the man who scored direct from a corner in injury-time to help nine-man Lyme Reserves beat Crossways in the 2000 Dorset Junior Cup Final.

There are obviously many, many players who didn't get a mention above. Players like **Greg 'Eli' Emmett** who gave his all to the best of his ability for the Seasiders cause week after week, season after season and epitomised the spirit that can be induced by playing for our great club.

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▲ The quadruple winning squad of 2004-05 celebrate after clinching the Premier Division title. Pictured, back row from left: Jon Whetlor, Gerard Hitchcock, Phil Legg, Lee Cleal, Darren Stewart, Danny Thirlwell, Chris Andrews (manager), Ben Whittington, Wes Dowell, Willie Whitelaw (assistant manager). Front: Adam Caddy, Adam Clarke, Graham White, Tim Edwards, Chris Higgs, Jason Hawker, Luke Reed, Stuart King.



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▲ Ellis Hoole, who skippered Lyne Bantams, receives the Bill Bailey Cup from Uplyme stalwart Frank Bowditch after the 5-4 extra-time victory over Seaton Town A in 2001.



▲ TRIUMPHANT: They even got the Town band out when skipper Bob Dunne was carried shoulder high down Broad Street after a cup victory.



▲ Boxing Day 2009 the Seaside lifted the Coronation Cup for the seventh time beating favourites South Petherton 4-0 in the Final at Combe. All the goals came in the first-half with Joe Bond scoring twice.



▲ The captains toss up in the 1950 Dorset Junior Cup between Lyme Regis and Bridport.

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▲ One of the Lyme 1st team line-ups in the 1980s. Back from (from the left): Richard Austin (chairman), Ellis Hoole, Graham Williams, Tristan Hoole, Bernard Hall, Graham Golesworthy, Kerry Austin, Lee Caddy, Graham Paterson (treasurer). Front row (front the left): Philip Hodder, Stuart Rattenbury, Graham Vere, David Cozens (manager), Martin Rowe, Phil Everett, Derek Wellman, Brian Wellman (secretary).

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▲ Tim Edwards picks up the Dorset Intermediate Cup in 2005, the seventh time the club had won the trophy in 11 years.

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▲ The Lyme Regis championship winning team of 1958 take on the 'best of the rest' in the form of a pick of the league 11. Alan Wellman receives the cup.

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▲ Another Seaside Cup victory, circa late 1950s, with committee men Norman Bosence, Charlie Camplin and Jack Evans in attendance.

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▲ The trophy table in 1957-58 season when Lyme won the Perry Street Junior League (now the Premier division) for the first time.

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▲ Skipper Henry Broom with cup, other notable players include Brian Wellman, Bernard Gay, Derek Hallett, Robert Broome, Stan Williams, Les Loveridge, Keith Wiscombe, Brian Walker, Barry Moore and Gordon Loder.

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▲ Will Thomson and Reserve team manager Howard Larcombe with the Dorset Junior Cup at the 2000 Presentation evening pictured behind with Stuart Rattenbury who has a story to tell about the celebrations following the victory...



▲ Graham 'Percy' Vere pictured with some of the trophies he amassed during his playing career with Lyme Regis.



▲ Lyme's celebrating Dorset Intermediate Cup team (2005). Pictured at St Mary's, Bridport.



▲ First team from the 1960s – Pat Rice, Dave Thom, Ginger Bartlett, Paul Viney, John Evans, Alan Wellman, David Cozens, Arthur Hodder, Fred Hodder, Sid Long, Jock McLennan.



▲ The efforts of talented quartet of Lee Caddy, Staurt Rattenbury, Alastair McLennan and Martin Rowe were marked by the award of certificates of Appreciation at the Annual awards dinner back in 2000.



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▲ Vice-chairman Lee Caddy congratulated Perry Street League legend Graham "Percy" Vere after playing his last game for the Seasiders in a career that had seen him score more than 500 goals in local football.



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▲ One of the youngest teams to play in the Amber and Black - Lyme Under 8s (2005), managed by two former first team managers, Chris Andrews and Rodney Rowe.



▲ A team from the 1950s showing a young Robert Broome (front row, far right), Freddie Smith (middle, far left), Henry Gillingham (middle, far right) and keeper John Perry (back row).



▲ Players and officials, including Cecil Searle, Alan Wellman, Brian Wellman and Clive Enticott, pictured before leaving on a trip to see Portsmouth play at Fratton Park.



▲ Gerard Hitchcock is a key member of the current Seaside's club set-up. 'Hitchy', who has very nearly a complete set of PSL winners trophies, has a triple role; Secretary, Reserve team player-manager and last but not least unofficial chief bar steward.

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▲ ABOVE: Another of Lyme's successful teams from the 1980s. Back row (from the left): Philip Hodder, Rodney Rowe, James Owen, Kevin Warren, Tristan Hoole, Ellis Hoole, Ian Gray. Frint row (from the left): Derek Wellman, Stuart Rattenbury, Marton Rowe, Graham Vere, Steve Wiscombe, Lee Caddy.

▼ BELOW: The Veterans team which assembled to do battle with the current Seasiders first team back in June 2007. Line-up, back row from left: Owen Bosence, Ellis Hoole, Lee Caddy, Phil Hodder, Alistair McLennan, Rodney Rolmes, Nick Rowe, Phil Crabb, Dave Lovell. Front: Howard Larcombe, Martin Rowe, Percy Vere, Stuart Rattenbury, Chris Andrews, Steve Wiscombe, Pete Morton, Brendan Cable.





▲ The 1943 line-up with Cut Curtis pictured far right on the back row.



▲ The Bantams are the last of the Seaside's three teams to win a League title. The Lyme third string won the Perry Street League Division Four title by a point from Millway Rise Reserves back in 2007-08.



▲ The best ever Seaside's line-up? It's debateable, but you'd certainly be hard pushed to beat this line-up, back row from left: Derek Wellman, Phil Everett, Lee Caddy, Kevin Warren, Kerry Austin, Graham Golesworthy, Rodney Rowe. Front: Ellis Hoole, Martin Rowe, Stuart Rattenbury, Steve Wiscombe, Graham Vere.

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▲ ABOVE: Lyme supporters gather in the town square as the Bantams team celebrates a cup triumph back in 1931. Bottom right is Alan Larcombe, father of current chairman Howard. To Alan's right is Tony Humphrey.

▼ BELOW: Dig the new breed. The Lyme Regis under 16s squad are, or will soon be, pushing for a shirt in the Bantams squad.



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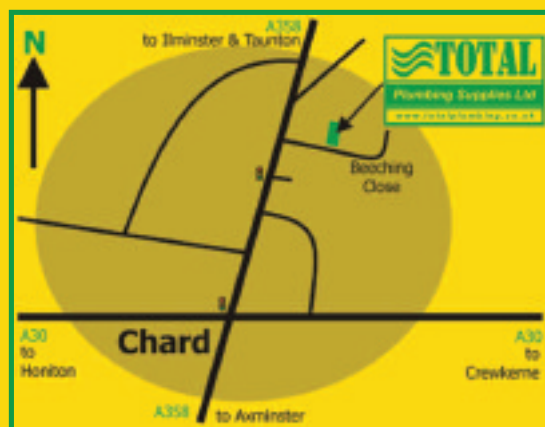
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